

Appl. No.
Amdt. dated January 7, 2004
Preliminary Amendment

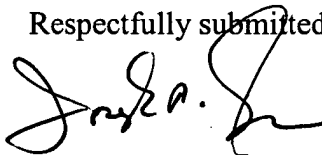
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REMARKS

Upon entry of the present amendment, claims 11-35 will be pending in this application and presented for examination. Claims 1-10 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Early examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 925-472-5000.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe R. Snyder", written over the typed name.

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